

Judicial Administration Committee
Judicial Conference of Indiana

Minutes
February 9, 2007

The Judicial Administration Committee of the Judicial Conference of Indiana met at the Indiana Judicial Center on Friday, February 9, 2007 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:45 p.m.

1. Members present. Thomas P. Boyer, Karen M. Love, Carol J. Orbison, P. Thomas Snow, Thomas P. Stefaniak, Mary G. Willis and Judith S. Proffitt, Chair.
2. Staff present. Jeffrey Bercovitz, Colleen O'Brien and Kris Suthers provided the committee with staff assistance.
3. Guest present. Richard Y. Schauffler, Director, Research Services, National Center for State Courts; Jim Wolf, Director, Survey Research Center at IUPUI, Nancy Gettinger, CIP Grants Administrator; Michael Murphy, CIP Data Analyst; and Lilia Judson, Executive Director, Division of State Court Administration was also present.
4. Minutes approved. The minutes for the committee on January 12, 2007 were approved as amended.
5. Weighted caseload measures.
 - a. Richard Schauffler, Director, Research Services, National Center for State Courts, gave a presentation on measuring trial court performance. He
 - (1) Gave an overview of CourTools,
 - (2) Displayed CourTools analysis templates,
 - (3) Reported on the CourTools on-line community,
 - (4) Implementation of CourTools, and
 - (5) Discussed trial court performance initiatives in other states.
 - b. Richard Schauffler distributed a folder, which contained a summary of the 10 CourTools of the National Center for State Courts, including, (1) Fairness, (2) Clearance Rates, (3) Time to Disposition, (4) Age of Active Pending Caseload, (5) Trial Date Certainty, (6) Reliability and Integrity of Case Files, (7) Collection of Monetary Penalties, (8) Effective Use of Jurors, (9) Court Employee Satisfaction, and (10) Cost per case. He showed a typical court with all 10 measures.
 - c. Committee members:
 - (1) Discussed which CourTools matched up with Indiana's Weighted Caseload system - CourTools 2, 3, 4 and 5;
 - (2) Including a review of the reporting requirement of Indiana's "lazy judge" rule; and
 - (3) Agreed to discuss CourTools by other judges in their county before the March meeting.

6. Members of the committee agreed to discuss “CourTools” and Weighted Caseload at the March meeting. They agreed to hold meetings on the following dates: Friday, March 9, May 11, and June 8, 2007; all from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the Indiana Judicial Center.

Respectfully submitted,

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